

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☐ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ ANSWER
☒ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST
☐ UNTIMELY

DATE: 7/1/2020

DOCKET #: 20-415

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Earl Thomas Graves
Address: 36246 Teat Blackwell Road, Pearl River, LA 70452
Office/Position: St. Tammany Parish Recreation District/ #7
Dates of Service: 2015-2017
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 4

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2017
Report ID: PFD19011373
Original Due Date: 5/15/2018
NOD Received: 1/4/2019 - Signed by: Earl Graves
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 1/15/2019
PFD/Answer Filed: 12/12/2019

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1050
Days late from receipt of NOD: 331
Total days late from initial due date: 576
Late Fee Order Received: 4/21/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/11/2020
Waiver Request Received: 4/23/2020
Board Result: 6/5/2020
Reconsideration Request Due Date: 7/22/2020
Reconsideration Request Received: 6/25/2020

COMMENTS: Earl T. Graves is requesting a reconsideration of the \$1500 Late Fee Order, which the Ethics Board suspended all but \$1050 at the June 2020 meeting. Mr. Graves stated that in 2017 when he resigned from the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District, he was unaware that he was still required to file a final PFD covering his last year on the board. He also did not understand the importance of filing a final disclosure. However, once notified of his delinquency he submitted all the required documents and was assured by staff members that he was okay and not to worry.

Mr. Graves said he was a little league baseball coach; participated in youth activities throughout the Pearl River /6th Ward area; and was involved in forming the Recreation Center. He was elected to the St. Tammany Parish School Board in 1980 and served for 14 years; In those 16 years of his community service, he has never received any form of payment or compensation. Mr. Graves he is now 75 years old and stated he cannot afford to pay even the reduced fee of \$1050. He and his wife are Senior Citizens living on a fixed monthly income. Mr. Graves ask the Ethics Board to please waive his full fee and thanks the BOE for their reconsideration.

*Mr. Graves completed the BOE Financial Statement and submitted it along with his joint bank statement as supporting documentation.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

Earl J. Thomas
 36246 Teat Blackwell Rd
 Pearl River, La 70452

RE: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure
 covering calendar year 2017
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ATTN: Ashley Wimberly, Director

Dear Ashley,

I would like to reference this fee to the fact when I resigned from 7th Dist. Rec. Center I was not aware of all this paper work needed to fill out at the time. Since, I have caught up with paperwork and have been assured by several members that I was okay, one said don't worry.

I did not understand about the importance of all this paperwork after I resigned from a position that I never received a dime worth of compensation. I have been involved in community activities since I was 16 years old & never been paid. I was a little league baseball coach at 16 & from there I was involved in forming the Rec center & youth activities throughout the Pearl River / 6th Ward area - I was elected to the St. Tammany Parish School Board in 1980 & served for 14 years, Having resigned after 3 term.

I am now 75 years old in July and being charged with a fee which I don't understand.

I would like for this fee to be waived on these grounds that we cannot afford to go into our fund to pay a fee ~~that~~ I feel is so unjustified.

Our income each month is mandated when we get it out of the mail box. So you see we are senior citizens on a fixed income. THANKS IN ADVANCE

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